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QUOTE

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TAGS: PFOR VN US

SUBJECT: U.S. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM

1. DRV FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH TELEPHONED FOR AN URGENT MEETING WITH EMBOFF AT 1115 LOCAL TIME SEPTEMBER 6. DO THANH DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE WHICH WE HAVE TRANSLATED ALMOST VERBATIM: QUOTE - THE VIETNAMESE PARTY HOPES THAT THE TALKS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN PARIS WILL ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS IN ANSWERING THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO PARTIES. IN THIS SPIRIT THE VIETNAMESE PARTY HAS DECIDED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE AMERICAN PARTY INFORMATION ON TWELVE AMERICAN PILOTS KILLED WHEN THEIR PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER VIETNAM. THIS IS RECENT INFORMATION PICKED UP BY THE VIETNAMESE SERVICES WHICH ARE HANDLING THE MIA PROBLEM.

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WE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PARTY WILL RESPOND IN A

POSITIVE MANNER TO PROBLEMS INTERESTING THE VIETNAMESE PARTY. UNQUOTE. DO THANH SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE WOULD ANNOUNCE AT NOON PARIS TIME THAT THEY HAVE TURNED OVER THE NAMES OF TWELVE PILOTS THEY ARE CONFIRMING AS KILLED. HANOI MAY ALSO BE MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF THE PILOTS. NO INFORMATION CONCERNING DATE AND PLACE OF CRASH OR ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WAS CONVEYED ON THE LIST OR ORALLY. DO THARH SAID THERE MAY BE SLIGHT DIFFERENCES IN SOME OF THE NAMES BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES. QUOTE.

1. CAPLING ELWYN REX, NE LE 15 JUILLET 1930, MAJOR
US AIR FORCE
NO. MATRICULE FV 3058025
2. ROARK WILLIAM M. NE LE 23 OCTOBRE 1938, CAPITAINE,
US NAVY
- NO. MATRICULE 641458
3. MITZ JAMES H. NE LE 12 JUIN 1931, MAJOR,
US AIR FORCE
NO. MATRICULE 31149A
4. KOLSTAD THOMAS C. NE LE 17 JUILLET 1935, MAJOR,
US NAVY
NO. MATRICULE 613094
5. KLENERT WILLIAM BLUE NE LE 17 OCTOBRE 1940,
SOUS LIEUTENANT, US NAVY
NO. MATRICULE 689823
6. DIAMOND STEPHEN W. NE LE 1ER JUILLET 1940, LIEUTENANT US AIR FORCE
NO. MATRICULE 3447934

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7. EATON CURTIS ABBOTNE LE 1ER JUILLET 1924, MAJOR
US AIR FORCE
NO. MATRICULE 2073835
8. WATERS SAMUEL EDWIN JR., NE LE 8 MAI 1937,
CAPITAINE US AIR FORCE
NO. MATRICULE 59427A

9. BOWLING ROY HOWARDNE LE 16 DECEMBRE 1929, MAJOR
US NAVY
NO. MATRICULE 575995

10. DRUAT BRUCE CHALMERSA, NE LE 9 JUIN 1941,
LIEUTENANT, US AIR FORCE
NO. FR 75625

11. GOLBERG LAWRENCE H., NE LE 31 DECEMBRE 1932,
CAPITAINE, US AIR FORCE
NO. MATRICULE AO2211367

12. JOHNSON GUY DAVID, NE LE 26 OCTOBRE 1929, MAJOR
US NAVY
NO. MATRICULE 511310.

UNQUOTE

3. DO THANH MADE NO EFFORT TO CLARIFY WHAT "POSITIVE
RESPONSE" HANOI WISHED TO WHAT "PROBLEMS INTERESTING
THE VIETNAMESE PARTY", AND EMBOFF DID NOT PRESS. IT
SEEMS CLEAR FROM THE TIMING AND THE RELEASE TO THE
PRESS THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THE VIETNAMESE
APPLICATION TO ENTER THE UN.

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